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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation    ☐ a Divisional    ☒ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)  
 of prior application no. **09/476,975**; filed **December 31, 1999**.  
☒ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

Inventors:

**Paul F. Agris, Christopher D. J. Pearce, Lloyd G. Mitchell**Entitled: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETERMINING THE PURITY OF  
CHEMICALLY SYNTHESIZED NUCLEIC ACIDS**

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 49 pages of Specification (including 55 claims)
3. ☒ 10 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
  - c. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)  
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and reference cited
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
11. ☐ English Translation Document
12. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
13. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
  - a. ☐ computer readable copy
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c. ☐ statement in support

14. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney

15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

16. ☒ Other: Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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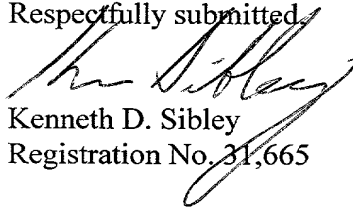
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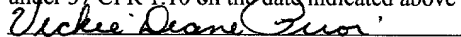
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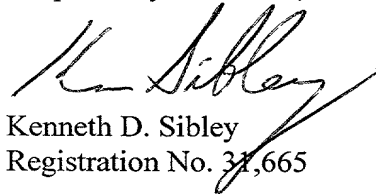
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The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, **Paul F. Agris, Christopher D. J. Pearce, Lloyd G. Mitchell**, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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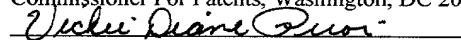
  
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